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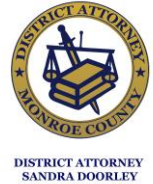
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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

The City of Rochester Hits an Upsetting Record

Yesterday, by the time many of us woke, the City of Rochester broke its homicide record. Later in the day, we had another tragedy in broad daylight, bringing our community's homicide count to 71 in the City and a total of 79 in Monroe County.

This is not a problem law enforcement can fight on our own, however, I will unwaveringly continue to do my part as the Monroe County District Attorney. My part is prosecuting these atrocious cases to find justice for homicide victims and their families.

While prosecuting these homicides to the fullest extent of the law is a critical piece of this puzzle, it is clear that we need a transformation in our community. Not just governmental policies, but also our youth and what they consider acceptable actions. Last year was deadly and this year has been tragic. We need members of the community willing to come forward with information. We need the young adults in our city to know that their actions have life-long consequences. We need members of our government, law enforcement and the community to embrace each other and find a way to move forward and heal.

My heart is broken for Monroe County, this community is my home. I am saddened, outraged and am committed to being a driving force to help curb this violence. In my thirty years as a prosecutor, I never imagined the pain that would hit our city over the past two years.

One thing is for certain, we must work together. Our legislators and elected officials must work with our law enforcement to understand what they are facing every day. We must prioritize victims and their families to ensure they are not re-victimized by the system and cycle of violence.

I am here to listen to ideas, my door is always open. The violence plaguing our home is always on my mind and sits heavy in my heart.

Sandra



Homicide Update

So far in 2021:

City of Rochester Total: 71

Monroe County Total: 79



Dimitri Cash and Joenathan Cash

On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, a Monroe County Grand Jury indictment was unsealed, charging Dimitri Cash and Joenathan Cash with Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree. Both defendants are alleged to have conspired to commit Murder in the 1st Degree against Monroe County Family Court Judge Stacey M. Romeo.

Following the unsealing of the indictment, both Dimitri Cash and Joenathan Cash were arraigned in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento. Both defendants are being held without bail with the opportunity to make future bail applications. On the previous kidnapping indictment, Dimitri Cash and Joenathan Cash are being held on \$150,000 cash, \$450,000 bond and \$1,000,000 partially secured bond.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

This indictment is the result of the culmination of an investigation with the Irondequoit Police Department, the Greece Police Department and the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

These defendants are scheduled to be back in court on January 6, 2021, for motion arguments in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

Former Greece Police Chief Charged

On Monday, November 8, 2021, the Monroe County District Attorney's office filed an accusatory instrument charging former Greece Police Chief Andrew Forsythe with Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident, in violation of Section 600(1) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, a traffic infraction, and Driving While Intoxicated, in violation of Section 1192(3) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, an unclassified misdemeanor.

These charges result from an investigation conducted by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. This investigation showed that in an approximate two-hour period, Mr. Forsythe consumed six alcoholic beverages to the point that he could not operate his motor vehicle as a reasonable and prudent driver. He then left the bar, driving his town-issued vehicle and crashed the vehicle on Route 390 near the Latona Road overpass, causing damage to the guardrail and significant damage to the vehicle. He did not stop to report the crash.

Part of the findings exceeds the scope of the criminal investigation. DA Doorley will be sending further findings to the Town of Greece for an internal review. The Town of Greece has hired Joseph Morabito, Deputy Chief of Operations at the Rochester Police Department to review these internal matters. I will be sending over other recommendations as well, including the use of body-worn cameras for officers.

Mr. Forsythe will be arraigned on December 9, 2021, in front of Greece Town Justice Granville.

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Tyrique Griffin was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the homicide of Keegan Whitley. This case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Robert Sims was convicted by a Monroe County jury of Robbery in the 2nd Degree and Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree. On Christmas Day, 2019, Robert Sims forcibly stole property, including Christmas gifts, from a 16-year-old Penfield High School student. Sims was on parole at the time and is a violent predicate offender. This case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Nicholas Deleon was indicted on Murder in the 2nd Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police officer. These charges are in relation to the homicide of Christian Santiago on October 20, 2021, and shooting events that occurred on October 21, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Zyon McCoy was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to the shooting of his girlfriend September 25, 2021, and a gun-related incident on October 13, 2021. This case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

David Lofton was indicted on four counts of Predatory Sexual Assault in relation to criminal sexual acts committed on October 16, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Bureau.

Nicole Jackson was indicted on Assault in the 1st Degree in relation to the assault using a deadly weapon on June 1, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristen Sippel, of the Major Felony Bureau.

MCDA in the Community

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office has adopted five large families to provide a full Thanksgiving Day dinner. If you are interested in adopting a family to help ensure everyone who wants a dinner in our community has one, please reach out to Primetime585 at

<https://www.facebook.com/Primetime-Learning-Academy-108869610926268/> or <https://twitter.com/PrimetimeBall>

MCDA in the News

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/monroe-county-district-attorney-sandra-doorley-provides-update-into-former-greece-police-chief-crash-drew-forsythe-bill-reilich-swerve/>

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<https://www.news10.com/news/ny-news/monroe-county/ex-police-chief-charged-with-dwi-for-crash-that-led-to-resignation/>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2021/11/08/former-greece-police-chief-charged-after-crash>

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